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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Original) A solid stick insecticidal composition comprising a base, an insecticide and at least 60 wt% food material, the composition having a penetration hardness of from 0.1 to 5mm.
2. (Previously Presented) The insecticidal composition of claim 1 comprising at least 65 wt.% food material.
3. (Previously Presented) The insecticidal composition of claim 1 comprising 99.99 wt% food material.
4. (Previously Presented) The insecticidal composition of claim 1 comprising food material selected from
  - (i) carbohydrates;
  - (ii) protein/carbohydrate containing materials;
  - (iii) fatty or oily materials; and mixtures thereof.
5. (Previously Presented) The insecticidal composition of claim 4, in which the carbohydrates are selected from
  - (i) honey;
  - (ii) sugars including monosaccharides and disaccharides;
  - (iii) polysaccharides and complex carbohydrates including cellulosic materials, pectin and starches; and mixtures thereof.
6. (Previously Presented) The insecticidal composition of claim 4, in which the protein/carbohydrate containing materials are selected from:
  - (i) cereal product,
  - (ii) flour, including soy flour;
  - (iii) spices;

- (iv) vegetable products including dehydrated vegetables;
- (v) dried yeast;
- (vi) egg powder;
- (vii) insect-derived materials including silkworm pupa, eggs and body parts; and mixtures thereof.

7. (Previously Presented) The insecticidal composition of claim 4, in which the fatty or oily materials are selected from:

- (i) lipids;
- (ii) essential oils;
- (iii) fully hydrogenated fatty acids;
- (iv) vegetable oils;
- (v) animal-derived fats;
- (vi) esters;
- (vii) waxes;
- (viii) soaps;
- (ix) phospholipids;
- (x) glycolipids;
- (xi) terpenes;
- (xii) steroids; and mixtures thereof.

8. (Previously Presented) The insecticidal composition of claim 1 comprising at least 10 of a base.

9. (Previously Presented) The insecticidal composition of claim 1 comprising a base ingredients selected from a fatty alcohol, a fatty acid, an fatty ester including lower alkyl esters of fatty acids, castor oil, mineral oil, petroleum jelly, polyethylene glycol, monoalkanolamide, carnauba wax,

candelilla wax, amorphous hydrocarbon wax, petroleum-based wax including microcrystalline wax, beeswax, paraffin wax, cocoa butter, hydrogenated vegetable oil lanolin, lanolin absorption base, paraffin oil, lecithin, silicone wax, flour, monoglyceride and animal derived-fat including tallow, lard, suet and duck fat, or mixtures thereof.

10. (Previously Presented) The insecticidal composition of claim 1 comprising one or more dual functionality materials acting as both a food material and a base ingredient.
11. (Previously Presented) The insecticidal composition of claim 10, in which the dual functionality material is selected from hydrogenated palm oil, tallow, lard, suet, duck fat, fatty acid monoglyceride, flour, lecithins or mixtures thereof.
12. (Previously Presented) The insecticidal composition of claim 1 in which the base comprises an emulsifying agent or mixtures thereof.
13. (Previously Presented) The insecticidal composition of claim 1, in which the insecticide is selected from a pyrethroid, a neonicotinoid, an avermectin, a spinosyn, a hydramethylnon, a fluorinated sulfluoramide, an organophosphate, a pyrazole, a chlorfenapyr, a indoxocarb, a borate, a benzoylphenyl ureal, a carbamate, a hydrazone and mixtures thereof.
14. (Previously Presented) The insecticidal composition of claim 13, in which the insecticide comprises an organophosphate.
15. (Previously Presented) The insecticidal composition of claim 14, in which the organophosphate is chlorpyrifos.
16. (Withdrawn) The insecticidal composition of claim 13, in which the insecticide comprises a pyrazole.

17. (Withdrawn) The insecticidal composition of claim 16, in which the pyrazole is fipronil.
18. (Withdrawn) The insecticidal composition of claim 13, in which the insecticide comprises an indoxacarb.
19. (Previously Presented) The insecticidal composition of claim 1 comprising the insecticide in an amount of from 0.01 to 40 wt%, preferably from 0.01 to 20 wt% and more preferably from 0.01 to 10 wt% of the insecticide.
20. (Previously Presented) The insecticidal composition of claim 1 comprising an insect attractant.
21. (Previously Presented) The insecticidal composition of claim 20, in which the food material also functions as an attractant.
22. (Withdrawn) The insecticidal composition of claim 21, in which soy bean oil is a food material and an attractant.
23. (Previously Presented) The insecticidal composition of claim 21, in which honey is a food material and an attractant.
24. (Withdrawn) The insecticidal composition of claim 21, in which malt extract is a food materials and an attractant.
25. (Withdrawn) The insecticidal composition of claim 21, in which maple lactone is a food material and an attractant.
26. (Withdrawn) The insecticidal composition of claim 25, in which maple lactone is present in an amount of from 0.001 to 1 wt% of the insecticide composition.
27. (Previously Presented) The insecticidal composition of claim 20 comprising an attractant which does not function as a food material.

28. (Previously Presented) The insecticidal composition of claim 1, further comprising a preservative.
29. (Previously Presented) The insecticidal composition of claim 28, in which the preservative is present in an amount of from 0.0001 to 10 wt% of the insecticide composition.
30. (Previously Presented) The insecticidal composition of claim 28, in which the preservative is selected from sorbic acid and salts thereof, methylparaben, propylparaben and mixtures thereof.
31. (Previously Presented) The insecticidal composition of claim 1 further comprising an anti-oxidant.
32. (Previously Presented) The insecticidal composition of claim 31, in which the anti-oxidant is present in an amount of from 0.0001 to 10 wt% of the insecticide composition.
33. (Previously Presented) The insecticidal composition of claim 31, in which the anti-oxidant is selected from TBHQ, butylated hydroxytoluene, butylated hydroxyanisole and mixtures thereof.
34. (Previously Presented) The insecticidal composition of claim 1 further comprising a human taste deterrent.
35. (Previously Presented) The insecticidal composition of claim 34, in which the human taste deterrent is present in an amount of from 1 to 200 ppm of the insecticide composition.
36. (Previously Presented) The insecticidal composition of claim 34, in which the human taste deterrent is denatonium benzoate.
37. (Previously Presented) The insecticidal composition of claim 1 further comprising a colorant.

38. (Previously Presented) The insecticidal composition of claim 1 further comprising a component selected from a feeding stimulant, and a filler, and animal taste deterrent of mixtures thereof.
39. (Previously Presented) The insecticidal composition of claim 1 having a penetration hardness of from 0.5 to 5 mm.
40. (Previously Presented) The insecticidal composition of claim 39 having a penetration hardness of from 1 to 5 mm.
41. (Previously Presented) The insecticidal composition of claim 40 having a penetration hardness of from 1 to 4 mm.
42. (Previously Presented) The insecticidal composition of claim 1 having a melting point of at least 20°C.
43. (Previously Presented) The insecticidal composition of claim 1 having a setting point in the range of 20 to 200°C.
44. (Previously Presented) The method for controlling insects in which a solid stick insecticidal composition of claim 1 is applied to deposit the composition onto a hard surface to be treated.
45. (Previously Presented) The method for controlling insects of claim 44, in which the insecticidal composition is applied to the hard surface as a line of material by drawing the stick along the hard surface.
46. (Withdrawn) The method for controlling insects of claim 44, in which the insecticidal composition is applied as a series of spots on the hard surface.
47. (Withdrawn) The method for controlling insects of claim 44, in which the insecticidal composition is applied as an arbitrary smear on the surface.
48. (Previously Presented) The method for controlling insects of claim 44, in which the insects are crawling insects.

49. (Previously Presented) The method for controlling insects of claim 48, in which the insects are cockroaches.
50. (Previously Presented) An insect control product comprising a solid stick insecticidal composition of claim 1 and a package.
51. (Previously Presented) The insect control product of claim 50 in which the package also comprises a protective wrapping over the package containing the insecticidal composition.
52. (Previously Presented) The insect control product of claim 51 in which the protective wrapping comprises paper, plastic, fabric, metal foil or a laminate thereof.
53. (Previously Presented) The insect control product of claim 51, in which the wrapping includes a tear line or point of weakness at a location or one or more intervals along the length of the wrapping thus allowing for progressive removal of circumferential strips of wrapping.
54. (Previously Presented) The insect control product of claim 50 in which the package comprises an applicator including a bottom, in which is held one end of the stick, and a tubular lid, which at least partially encloses the insecticidal stick.
55. (Previously Presented) The insect control product of claim 50 in which the package comprises an applicator in which the insecticidal stick is extendable from a casing.
56. (Previously Presented) The insect control product of claim 50 in which the package or wrapping comprises a label.
57. (Previously Presented) The insecticidal composition of claim 1 having a melting point of at least 35°C.

58. (Previously Presented) The insecticidal composition of claim 1 having a melting point of at least 40°C.

59. (Previously Presented) The insecticidal composition of claim 1 having a melting point of at least 45°C.

60. (New) The insecticidal composition of claim 1 comprising 70 wt% food material.

61. (New) The insecticidal composition of claim 1 comprising 75 wt% food material.

62. (New) The insecticidal composition of claim 1 comprising 80 wt% food material.

63. (New) The insecticidal composition of claim 1 comprising 85 wt% food material.